

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

a. There was little movement apparent yesterday toward a resolution of the latest Laotian crisis.

b. The King, condemning the Sunday coup as "stupid" and "dangerous," has dissuaded Souvanna from resigning. Souvanna has returned to Vientiane, saying he will stick it out as premier for the time being at least.

c. The King has also hinted that he has ordered Phoumi to clean up the mess in Vientiane, by force if need be.

d. Phoumi did apparently try to bring up reinforcements from the south, but a company of his troopers was disarmed on arrival at the capital. Phoumi has yet to commit himself fully in any direction.

e. This has left the coup leaders in physical control of Vientiane. Yesterday they came down hard against any return to the status quo ante. They say they wish to avoid "unnecessary" bloodshed, but warn that the coalition must resign or "suffer the consequences."

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f. On the other hand, they have had little success in winning support from key military figures outside Vientiane. Most of these generals are probably waiting for some clue from Phoumi before committing themselves.

2. Cyprus

a. There was serious fighting near Famagusta yesterday. Gyani's effort to set the two communities in Nicosia further apart has collapsed.

b. Turkish Cypriots in the northwest are developing a hit-and-run capability

They may have in mind a diversionary effort to take the heat off the Nicosia-Kyrenia road area.

c. There has been resurgence of talk in Turkey about intervention. Ambassador Hare has remarked on the "eerie all-or-nothing atmosphere" that seems to have settled over the Turkish capital.

d. The Inonu government faces a debate on Cyprus in the National Assembly next week. Its survival and Inonu's reputation are deeply involved.

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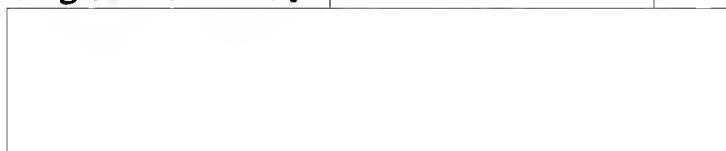
3. British Guiana - UK

a. The Labor Party will probably come down against the Sandys plan to hold elections based on proportional representation in British Guiana before independence.

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b. Many Laborites in Parliament regard this as an "un-British, unworkable and blatantly anti-Jagan" scheme.

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c. The Colonial Office is considering setting the Guinean elections for November, hoping that a Labor government would not throw sand into "running machinery."

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4. Peru

a. Revolutionary extremists, who are being set up in business largely by Castro and the Chinese Communists, are now planning to launch a program of guerrilla action in the countryside and terrorism in the cities [REDACTED]

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5. Zanzibar

a. The second stage of the Tanganyikan plan to save Zanzibar from the "Easterners" is under way. Defense Minister Kambona seems to be pulling the strings.

b. It now appears that the threat last weekend to remove the Tanganyikan police detachment was a successful attempt to pressure Karume into joining forces with fellow African Hanga, who is Moscow-oriented, against Babu and his Arab henchmen.

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c. This accomplished, Nyerere and Kambona went to Zanzibar yesterday and got Karume's signature on an agreement for Tanganyikan-Zanzibar union.

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d. Although Babu is still in Pakistan, the Tanganyikans expect a strong reaction from Babu's men,

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e. The rub here is that in an armed showdown Babu's side enjoys certain advantages. His followers are the best disciplined on the island and control most of the automatic weapons there.

f. Thus the next step is extremely uncertain. Kambona does not think Karume would ask for British intervention.

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g. Kambona would try to use Nigerian forces now in Tanganyika, but this would be difficult.

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NOTES

- A. Burma Ne Win moved closer to a showdown with the Buddhists when he ordered the registration of all Buddhist organizations and told Buddhist leaders to stick to religion and leave politics to him. Heretofore, Ne Win has steered clear of bumping up against the Buddhist leaders, despite their rather open opposition to him. All but a handful of Burmese are Buddhists.

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- C. Cuba [redacted] passenger ships are due in Cuba shortly to start repatriating the Soviet military personnel we expect will be leaving [redacted]

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- D. Cuba-Chile Che Guevara has remarked that Chile will become the next Latin American country to join the bloc. He obviously believes that Allende, who has visited Cuba often and is being bankrolled in part by Havana, will win the presidential election in the fall.

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- E. Indonesia-Malaysia Defense Minister Nasution sees no relaxation in the Indonesian effort against Malaysia, even though he says Djakarta does not intend to carry it to the point of all-out war.
- F. Brazil - Communist China Peiping is mustering all the diplomatic help it can to intercede with Rio on behalf of nine Chinese Communists who were seized as subversives after Goulart fell. The Chinese have prevailed on Uruguayan, Syrian and West German trading firms, on Burmese and Indonesian journalist associations, on the Pakistani and the Cambodian foreign offices to plea their case.
- G. Spain-Italy Italy is complaining that Spain, reasoning that Italy is a major obstacle to its desired membership in the EEC, has embarked on a course of economic threats and reprisals to try to soften the Italians up a bit. The Italians resent this and have asked us to stay Madrid's hand.

LATE NOTE

Laos Most of the top generals of the Laotian Army have now come to Vientiane for a series of meetings with the coup group. Although the latter is claiming to have the full support of the generals, this is still far from certain. Phoumi did not attend and has yet to show his hand in this matter.